

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1-40. Applicants also add new claims 41-46. After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-46 (8 independent claims; 46 total claims) are pending in the application.

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendments to more appropriately claim that to which the Applicants are entitled. All amendments are fully supported by the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. No new matter is included in the amendments.

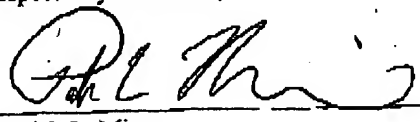
After consideration of the Applicants' amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the application (claims 1-46: 8 independent, 46 total claims) fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Consequently, allowance of all remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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